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(e) Enquiries were held under section 38 of the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, 1932, into the working, constitution and financial condition of these societies. When the reports of enquiry showed that the societies were really bad and beyond revival or rectification, their registration was cancelled. Generally the factors that necessitated the liquidation of these societies were mismanagement by office-bearers, the existence of benami loans, heavy overdues and bad or time-barred debts, the prevalence of factions and the absence of the minimum number of ten members required by section 45 of the Act. The case of each society was dealt with on its merits in the light of the reports of enquiry.

(f) The Malabar District Bank has no auditing staff.

(g) Six hundred and twenty-eight societies were functioning in the Malabar district on 30th June 1933.

Education

Representations, if any, for Government management of the three Muslim middle schools in Nandyal, Nellore and Cuddapah.

* 766 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been made to the Government either by the public or by municipalities requesting the Government to take over charge of the three Muslim middle schools at Nandyal (Kurnool), Nellore and Cuddapah;

(b) whether it is a fact that they are net cost schools and the respective municipalities are saving money contributed by Government and using the same for different other purposes; and

(c) whether the Government have any report from the district educational authorities of the above schools, complaining of this fact and stating that the efficiency of the schools is going down?

A.—(a) No such representations have been received by Government in recent years.

(b) The 'net cost' of these schools is not met by Government; the municipal councils receive lump sum subsidies towards the cost of maintenance of the schools.

So far as the school at Nellore is concerned, the answer to the latter part of the question is in the negative. Separate figures of receipts and charges of the other two schools are not available.

(c) No.